HB 103

January 29, 2007

To: MT House of Representatives

RE: House Bill Number 403

To the honorable members of the Montana House of Representatives,

I am writing to express my very strong dismay that this body of government would consider passing House Bill 403. This bill defines life as starting at conception. There is no agreement among biologists, physicians, nurses, Christians, Jews, or Muslims about the exact moment at which life begins. If this bill is passed, it will alienate a large portion of the voters of Montana. When life begins must be a personal belief, one that should NOT be mandated by our government.

As a health care provider specializing in high risk pregnancies, I also am deeply concerned that inclusion of this language will restrict patient autonomy. Patients and practitioners will no longer be able to make decisions based on medical need, but rather on political agenda. I strongly urge you to vote AGAINST HB 403.

Sincerely,

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